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## District looking at \$80,000 shortfall in FY2021

Superintendent Joe Schwan reported to the board of education Monday night that with the reduction of 3.8 percent in Brown County ag valuation and the increase in state valuations resulting in a reduction in the mil levy, the Groton Area District will see a shortfall of \$80,000 in tax collections for FY2021. "It's a problem that we'll have to deal with," he said. He said there are three ways the district could address the situation. One is to increase utilization of capital outlay flexibility, another is to reduce general fund expenditures and the third is to opt out of the tax limits in the general fund.

Austin Fordham said that due to lack of numbers for the Jazz Band, he opened up the band to everyone and has created a flex band which seems to be working out quite well.

He reported that there are 27 students in fifth grade band and there are 41 in the high school band.

Fordham said an area of concern is scheduling and said that he lost a couple of students due to a conflict with schedules.

Dez Yeigh talked about the middle school band program. Three students were chosen for the Northwestern Music Festival. This was the first year Groton Area had nominated sixth graders. There are 23 students in sixth grade band - up from 20 from last year.

They are getting ready for the middle school talent show coming up later this year. Numbers are down in the junior high band, but she said the number should go up next year. Yeigh said they are playing harder to make up for the lack of numbers.

Cody Swanson reported there are 56 students in the senior high choir and 15 in the junior high choir. Two were chosen for the middle school all state choir. He reiterated that scheduling is an issue for all of the band and choir classes. Otherwise, he said, "All is great."

Lynette Grieve reported on physical education unit. She said that she was surprised by the number of students who don't know how to tumble. "There is so much going on in the family life and with activities," she said.

Brian Dolan, athletic director, thanked the school board for having him and his family as part of the Groton Area School. "Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your community," he said. He then went on to talk about the numbers in the various sports and he said that compared to other schools in the area, Groton Area is strong in numbers in most of the activities. He said that he is pleased with Avera coming over for athletic training and support. He said they are planning an athletic golf tournament June 5th to help offset the cost of the athletic training and support.

Janene Harry then took the school board members up to her art room to show them the various projects that they are doing.

Brian Schuring talked more about the physical education program. He said that he always stresses, "Play hard and have fun." He mentioned that they are starting pickle ball as that is an upcoming life-long sport.

Superintendent Joe Schwan reported that there are two "Stop the Bleed" kits in every room in both schools. He said that Patti Woods spearheaded it and it was a cool thing that the community did for the district.

Schwan reported that Jim Lane will be stepping down as the Robotics Coach after doing it for many years. The Robotics program now has a board and they will be looking for a new coach. The district has been donating \$5,700 a year to the program in lieu of paying the coach. Lane had requested that the funds be used for equipment instead of paying the coach.

Schwan reviewed the changes that have been made to the 2020-21 school year calendar. He is not ready for the final approval yet. He did note that the Native American holiday has been changed to an in-service day. The first day of school is proposed for August 25th. The February 2021 calendar has P-T conference on February 11th, Faculty Inservice on February 12th and No School for President's Day on February 15th. He said a lot of students are gone on vacations in February.

Business Manager Mike Weber showed the board a list of 100 school districts that are supplementing their general fund with the capital outlay funds. He also noted that all but three or four are also getting state aid. Groton Area is one of the districts not getting state aid.

See School Board on back page

## Dinger qualifies for state MathCounts Competition

The Northeastern South Dakota MathCounts Chapter Competition was held on Wednesday, February 5, 2020. Groton student, Gretchen Dinger, earned seventh place in the individual division. Gretchen Dinger was also one of the top four individuals that were not on the top two teams. This means that she qualifies for the state competition.

MathCounts is a nationwide coaching and competition program for middle school students that promotes excellence in mathematics. The state competition will be on Saturday, March 14 located in Pierre.



### Individual Winners

The individual winners were, front row from left: Nancy Yang, 1st place, George S. Mickelson Middle School; Albert Shore, 2nd place, George S. Mickelson Middle School; Sam-pada Nepal, 3rd place, George S. Mickelson Middle School; Vanessa An, 4th place, George S. Mickelson Middle School.

Back row from left: Alex Shore, 5th place, George S. Mickelson Middle School; Ernest Ting, 6th place, George S. Mickelson Middle School; Gretchen Dinger, 7th place, Groton Area Middle/High School; Cason Hellwig, 8th place, Roncalli Junior High School.



**Top 4 Individuals Advance to State MATHCOUNTS**  
Northern State University hosted the MATHCOUNTS Chapter Competition on February 05, 2020. The individual winners were, front row from left Gretchen Dinger, Groton Area Middle/High School; Cason Hellwig, Roncalli Junior High School; Alex Shore, George S. Mickelson Middle School; Ernest Ting, George S. Mickelson Middle School.

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## Brown County Feb 4, 2020 Meeting Minutes

February 04, 2020 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Commission Chair Kippley at 8:45 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Feickert, Sutton, and Wiese. Commissioner Fjeldheim was absent. Commissioner Fjeldheim led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### MINUTES:

Moved by Sutton seconded by Wiese to approve the County Commission January 28, 2020 Minutes. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### CLAIMS:

Moved by Sutton seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims and payroll:

Payroll: Commission \$4,285.10; Auditor \$8,701.69; Treasurer \$13,465.76; SA \$21,677.08; SVAWA \$1,193.49; Maintenance \$7,983.07; Assessor \$12,746.93; Register of Deeds \$8,932.20; VSO \$2,736.89; GIS \$2,387.50; IT \$8,432.16; HR \$2,173.85; Sheriff \$42,053.13; Jail \$52,808.77; Court Security \$4,524.97; JDC \$23,994.63; Welfare \$2,077.70; Museum \$7,236.58; Parks/Fairgrounds \$4,965.75; Fair Board \$4,021.88; 4-H \$622.64; Weed \$825.02; Planning & Zoning \$4,290.31; Highway \$53,959.07; Dispatch \$28,648.03; Emergency \$4,119.59; Teen Court \$569.72; JDAI \$1,596.93; 24/7 Sobriety \$3,788.79; Landfill \$13,331.18; Matching Benefits: FICA \$21,637.70, Medicare \$5,060.45, Wellmark BCBS \$125,605.44, Delta Insurance \$7,293.17, Dearborn \$1,100.92, SDRS Retirement \$62,701.24.

Claims: Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's \$556.52; Bantz, Gosch & Cremer \$3,708.07; Clark Engineering \$1,859.54; Dallas Co. Sheriff \$4.32; Dohrer Law Office \$293.20; GBR Intreperting & Translation \$120.00; Gellhaus & Gellhaus \$80.00; Haar Law Firm \$147.20; Kuck Law Office \$236.60; McClure & Hardy, Prof LLC \$159.10; Ashley Ramirez \$40.00; Sanford Pathology Clinic \$1,750.00; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$2,373.50; Tammy Stolle Court Reporting \$130.00; Jodi Sudweeks \$23.80; Taliaferro Law Firm \$1,701.40; WSP \$2,456.90. Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$379.17; Bismarck Tribune \$24.30. Repairs & Maintenance: Centennial Village \$1,270.00; Dakota Doors \$107.14; Eco-lab \$113.54; House of Glass \$395.53; Hoven Auto Repair \$145.52; Lang's \$93.00; North-Star Safety \$13.97; Olson's Pest Techs \$225.00; Pierson-Ford \$69.23; PowerPlan \$1,938.60; Vosika Fencing \$110.00; Western States Fire Co. \$355.00; Woodman Refrigeration \$160.20. Supplies: AgTegra \$1,284.39; American Solutions for Business \$83.91; AmeriPride \$76.28; Dakota Electronics \$85.00; DSS Image Apparel \$361.50; Geffdog \$48.50; GovConnection \$557.88; Heartland Paper \$311.54; Mac's \$22.99; Midstates Printing \$47.75; NorthStar Safety \$52.99; Pantorium Cleaners \$21.00; Premier Biotech \$31.44; Running's \$1,689.39. Travel & Conference: Assoc. of SD Weed & Pest \$1,140.00; Mark Milbrandt \$112.00. Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$176.61; BDM Rural Water \$36.00; CenturyLink \$499.48; Midcontinent \$629.43; NWPS \$12,025.93. Other: SD Attorney General's Office \$366.00.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### HR REPORT:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the following amended HR Office Report, which includes the following personnel changes: Approve temporary hiring of Jaclyn Nagel as full-time Brown County Jail shift sergeant, at \$23.38 per hour, effective February 9, 2020.; Approve hiring Brandon Mills as full-time Brown County Sheriff's Deputy at \$22.83 per hour, tentative effective date February 24, 2020; Approve hiring of Courtney Paul as full-time Brown County Sheriff's Deputy at \$24.22 per hour tentative effective date February 10, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### AUTO BUDGET SUPPLEMENT:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to auto supplement maintenance budget supplies and materials from Court Security State Grant award in the amount of \$10,568.68 to cover the cost of intercom system upgrade. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### SET BID DATE WOOD WASTE

### GRINDING:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to set public hearing and authorize advertising for public hearing to open, read and consider sealed bids for Wood Waste Grinding. Hearing date set for February 25, 2020 at 8:47 a.m. in the Brown County Courthouse Commission Chambers. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

### SET BID DATE MILLING AND RECLAIMING:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to set public hearing and authorize advertising for public hearing to open, read and consider sealed bids for milling and reclaiming. Hearing date set for February 25, 2020 at 8:55 a.m. in the Brown County Courthouse Commission Chambers. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

### ASSIGNMENT OF PAYMENT: Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #07-20

WHEREAS, Diamond Five Feeders, LLC has been approved for a South Dakota Jobs Grant for equipment upgrades less than \$2,000,000.

WHEREAS, Brown County Planning and Zoning Commission approved Special Exception/Conditional Use for an expansion of the existing CAFO.

WHEREAS, Brown County Planning and Zoning Commission approved Special Exception/Conditional Use at the following location: Special Exception/Conditional Use in an Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) for a property described as NW1/4 of Section 28-T127N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (39010 110th St.)

WHEREAS, assignment of payment is required to be signed by Brown County, South Dakota.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Brown County Commission authorizes the County

Auditor, Cathy McNickle to sign assignment of payment for South Dakota Jobs Program Grant Agreement No: SD Jobs 19-05. Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-absent, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-absent. Resolution adopted.

### ABATEMENTS:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to approve the following abatements: Diane Conn @ \$1,399.51 (double assessed), Ronald Gugla @ \$384.25 (building assessed on 2 parcels), Norman Gengerke @ \$177.19 (fire), Brown County @ \$4,566.81 (tax deed sale). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY FEE:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to acknowledge the fee increase for court-appointed attorney fees to \$97 per hour pursuant to UJS policy which provides that fees increase in an amount equal to any cost of living increase approved for state employees by the Legislature. Mileage for court-appointed attorneys will be paid at the rate of \$1 per mile. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### LEASES:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to approve the following lease agreement:

Aberdeen Home Builders Association for lease of Holum Expo Building March 6-8, 2020. All member present voting aye. Motion Carried.

### SET HEARING DATE – MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to set public hearing and authorize advertising for public hearing on Malt Beverage and SD Farm Wine License Application. Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage and SD Farm Wine License: Trish Arment DBA Motor Sports, LLC- Brown County Speedway- Brown County Fairgrounds SE1/4, Sec1, T123N-R64W, Brown County, SD (map of specific building on file with application) Public hearing is set for 8:50 a.m. February 25, 2020 in the Brown County Courthouse Commission Chambers. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

### LOTTERY APPLICATION:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve the following lottery application: Farm Rescue Foundation for lottery drawing at the Brown County Fair August 15, 2020 3:30pm. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### LEASE OPTION ADDENDUM – FAIRGROUNDS HAYLAND

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chair sign 2020 renewal option for lease of approximately 22 acres of county hay land located at the Fairgrounds,

located in Lot 1 First Replat of Dahme Northview Addition SE1/4 Sec1-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### AUDITOR'S REPORT OF ACCOUNT:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following December 2019 Auditor's report of account: Total Cash and Checks on Hand 7700 Total Checking Account Balances: 5104373.73 Total Savings Account Balances: 1780447.42 Total Certificates of Deposit: 5523127.01 Grand Total Cash and Balances: 12415648.16 General Fund Cash and Investment Balances by Funds: General Fund 4419802.44 Road & Bridge Fund 1396805.09 Road & Bridge Fund - restricted 423243.27 911 Service 243168.11 Emergency & Disaster 69235.66 Domestic Abuse 1010 Teen Court 41463.35 Grant 2490.15 JDAI -8198.24 Richmond Youth 21916.96 24/7 Sobriety 14520.46 ROD M&P 122963.93 Tif Debt Service 9413.74 Landfill + cash change 2770751.51 Landfill - restricted 1364284 Trust and Agency Funds 1522777.73 GRAND TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH AND INVESTMENTS 12415648.16. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

### REPLACEMENT ORDER DECLARING TOWN INCORPORATED:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to authorize chair sign declaration acknowledging and verifying the incorporation of the City of Frederick. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

### FIREWORKS DISPLAY PERMIT:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to approve the following fireworks display permit: MotorSports, LLC for display at Brown County Speedway July 3, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

### BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH QUARTERLY REPORT:

DeAnna Harber with Brown County Community Health met to give quarterly report.

### BID AWARD – RENTAL EQUIPMENT:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to award all bids on Rental Equipment based on location and availability, as per tabulation sheet on file in the Auditor's Office (available for public inspection Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

### ABATEMENT:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve the following abatement: David and Debra Heyd @ 547.80 (change of classification). Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-absent. Motion carried.

### EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION POLICY:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve change to Brown County Employee handbook employee classification policy. Handbook is on file with the Auditor's Office (available for public inspection Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

### WEATHER CLOSING POLICY:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve change to Brown County Employee handbook weather closing policy. Handbook is on file with the Auditor's Office (available for public inspection Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

### LANDFILL SLEDDING:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve sledding at the landfill at the discretion of the Landfill Manager.

### HOLIDAY PAY DISCUSSION:

Sheriff's office employees met to discuss concerns about holiday pay. No action taken.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to go into executive session to discuss contract and legal per SDCL 1-25-2(3,4). All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

### ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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## Brown County Ord. 155 Reder Rezoning

ORDINANCE #155  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION

BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED  
TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by David Reder is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG), said property described as follows:

Lots 1&2 "1st Subdivision Larson Outlot 1: in the SW1/4 of Section 24-T122N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for Brown County to reflect this Ordinance.

Notice of Hearing: January 8 and 15, 2020

Passed First Reading: January 21, 2020

Passed Second Reading: January 28, 2020

Adopted: January 28, 2020

Published: February 5, 2020

Effective Date: February 25, 2020

Rachel Kippley, Chair  
Brown County Commission

ATTEST:  
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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## Brown County Whitman Rezoning Notice

NOTICE

Application has been made by James Whitman to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on February 18, 2020 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG): "Geist Subdivision" in the N1/2NE1/4 of Section 29-T123N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 156.

ATTEST:  
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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## Brown County Culter Rezoning Notice

NOTICE

Application has been made by Wayne Culter to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on February 18, 2020 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG): "Wayne Cutler Subdivision" in the NE1/4 of Section 9-T125N-R60W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. (11901 409th Ave)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 157

ATTEST:  
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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## Groton School Notice of Audit

Notice of Audit of the Fiscal Affairs of Groton School District No. 06-6

Notice is hereby given that the records and books of account of Groton School District No. 06-6 of Brown County, South Dakota, have been audited by Eide Bailly LLP for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, and that a detailed report thereon is filed with the governing board, the Business Manager, and the Department of Legislative Audit, 427 South Chapelle, Pierre, South Dakota, for public inspection.

The following findings and recommendations referred to in the report are hereby published in compliance with the provisions of SDCL 4-11-12:

Current Audit Findings and Recommendations

Finding 2019-001 Preparation of Financial Statements and Footnotes, and Material Proposed Adjustments to the Financial Statements

Criteria: The School District's internal control structure should be designed to provide for the preparation of the financial statements and footnotes, which includes having an adequate system for recording and processing entries material to the financial statements being audited in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Condition: Groton Area School District 06-6 requested the external auditors to assist in the preparation of the financial statements and related footnotes for the year ended June 30, 2019. As part of the financial statement preparation process, at times we propose material audit adjustments that are not identified as a result of the School District's existing internal controls and, therefore, could result in a material misstatement of the School District's financial statements.

Cause: The limited size of the School District's staff and resources cause the inability to prepare the financial statements and footnotes and could cause the need for auditors to at times propose material journal entries.

Effect: This condition may affect the School District's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements.

Recommendation: This circumstance is not unusual in an organization of this size. It is the responsibility of management and those charged with governance to make the decision whether to accept the degree of risk associated with this condition because of cost or other considerations. Also, a thorough review of the transactions in each fund should take place prior to the beginning of the audit, to ensure generally accepted accounting principles have been followed for each fund type, especially for transaction types infrequent in occurrence.

Views of Responsible Officials: Management agrees with the finding.

Finding 2019-002 Lack of Maintenance and Accuracy of Food Service Inventory Listing

Criteria: The School District's internal control structure should be designed to provide for the proper maintenance and updating of inventory listings.

Condition: During the course of our audit, it was discovered that the inventory listing for the Food Service Fund was not properly maintained and updated during the fiscal year for inventory counts performed and costs included on the listing were not accurate.

Cause: The School District does not have proper controls in place for the maintaining and updating of the inventory listing for the Food Service Fund.

Effect: The value of the Food Service inventory and related purchases are recorded inaccurately.

Recommendation: The School District should implement controls to ensure that the Food Service inventory listing is properly maintained and updated during the year to ensure that the amount and cost of products are accurate. An inventory count should be completed at year-end to verify all food and supplies are on hand.

Views of Responsible Officials: Management agrees with the finding.

(0212.0219)

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## Westport Town February 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Town of Westport General Meeting

February 3rd, 2020

The Town of Westport met on February 3rd, 2020 with Tim Selzler, Shane Storm, Mike Wilson and Doreen Hertel present.

The following expenses were presented:

City General  
NWPS (\$595.27), Groton Independent (\$16.46), B&B contracting (\$1,846.25), SDML Workers Compensation (\$554.00), Postmaster (\$7.00).

Sewer  
NWPS (\$50.97), NRW – loan repayment (\$210.13)

Water  
WEB (\$1,417.59), Dept. of Health (\$15.00) & Water Maintenance District (\$408.16)

Mike Wilson made motion to pay all bills; second by Tim Selzler.

The following deposits were presented:

City General  
Brown County Collections (\$251.03), State of SD (\$4,774.63), Hall Rental (\$150.00), Interest (\$22.91).

Sewer  
Resident Payments – (\$2,500.00).

Water  
Resident Payments – (\$3,964.76).

NEW BUSINESS:

Amendment to owner-engineer agreement was signed and approved. This will allow the rebidding of the sewer project. NWPS has declined to pay for the water main break that happen October 1st, 2019. The board doesn't think that it will benefit the city to pursue any action against NWPS, but will be tabled if new information is received. Safety Benefits our insurance company has made some recommendations for the safety of the playground.

Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer

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## Groton School School Bus Bid Notice

Advertisement for Bids

The Board of Education of Groton Area School District 06-6 of Brown County, State of South Dakota, requests sealed bids for a new 2019 or 2020 71 passenger school bus with minimum of 220 HP electronic diesel engine and standard chassis dimensions. Vehicle must be delivered between July 20, 2020 and August 20, 2020 with payment made upon delivery.

I. CHASSIS. The specifications of the school bus chassis shall comply with the minimum recommended standard for school buses as set forth by the Department of Education for the State of South Dakota. In addition, it shall comply with the present requirements of the Federal Government and the special requirements requested by the local school board.

II. BUS BODY. To meet the current minimum standards for the construction of school bus bodies, as adopted by the State Board of Education, available from the Department of Education, Pierre, South Dakota, in addition to special requirements of the Federal Government and the special requirements requested by the local school board.

Specifications are on file in the offices of Business Official, Mike Weber, and Bus Mechanic, Loren Bahr, at Groton, SD. Call 1-605-397-2351 for more information.

The school board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Address bids to Business Official, Groton Area School District 06-6, PO Box 410, Groton, South Dakota 57445. Mark envelopes "BUS BID".

Bids will be opened at a meeting on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 2:15 PM in the Office of the Superintendent at Groton Area High School for examination and recommendation to the Board of Education at their regular meeting on Monday, March 9 at 7:00 PM for acceptance or rejection.

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**Brown County Gray Rezoning Notice**

Application has been made by Roger Gray to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on February 18, 2020 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.10 Lake Front Residential (R-3):

Lot 2A of Lot 2 "Schaeffer Richmond Lake Subdivision" in the NW1/4 of Section 25-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (379357 South Shore Drive)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 158

ATTEST:  
 Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor  
 (0205.0212)  
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**Groton School Mower Bid Notice**

BID ADVERTISEMENT FOR SCHOOL TRACTOR MOWER

The Board of Education of Groton Area School District No. 06-6 of Brown County, State of South Dakota requests sealed bids on a tractor/mower combination.

Specifications and bid forms are on file in the business office. All bids must be made on the specified form. For more information contact Head Custodian, Mike Nehls, at 397-2351.

Bids must be received by Monday, March 9, 2020, at 2:00pm, in the school superintendent's office. Bids will be reviewed at the regular board meeting that evening at 7:00pm.

All bidders shall understand that payment will not be made until the start of the new fiscal year, July 15, 2020. The school board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all

bids. Address bids to Business Manager, Groton Area High School, P.O. Box 410, Groton, SD 57445. Mark envelopes: "Mower Bid".

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**Groton City Feb. 4, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

February 4, 2020

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at the Community Center for their first monthly meeting with the following members present: Wells, Blackmun, Cutler, Babcock and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Finance Officer Hope Block, Dwight Zerr, Terry Herron, and Dan Sunne.

Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1, but none were received.

Kathy Sundermeyer entered the meeting at 7:02pm.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Blackmun and seconded by Babcock. All members voted aye.

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Wells to authorize the following bills for payment. All members voted aye.

Payroll, \$22,248.98, Employee salaries; Executive, \$577.19; Administrative, \$3,326.98; Public Safety, \$8,718.22; Public Works, \$8,653.78; Culture & Recreation, \$972.81; First State Bank, \$7,282.21, SS and WH; First State Bank, \$466.66, HSA contributions; Dakotaland FCU, \$1,050.00, Employee savings; Landon Johnson, \$255.30, Travel expense for JUTS; Employers Mutual Life, \$85.20, Employee insurance; Colonial Life, \$340.78, Employee insurance; Guardian Insurance, \$153.89, Employee insurance; Aflac, \$428.40, Employee insurance; Allied, \$10,410.74, Employee insurance; US Bank, \$6,975.69, West sewer loan pmt; , \$4,485.51, RR sewer loan pmt; S&S Lumber, \$159.86, Wood filler, bolts, keys, glue, starting fluid, ice melt, shovel, gloves, power steering fluid, fuses; Lori's Pharmacy, \$43.74, Employee xmas lunch gift baskets; Drew Johnson, \$1,100.00, Legal fees 1/20; Cole Paper, \$112.40, Paper towels; Locke Electric, \$1,491.39, Repair and install load management material, stat for heater at BB pump house, trench wire for web, trench wires; Anthony Belluso, \$200.00, Heartland HWH rebate; Dakota Fluid Power, \$1,582.14, Replaced pump and fixed return issue

on plow truck; SD Work Comp, \$17,037.00, 2020 work comp renewal; Irby, \$638.97, Gloves and testing; NW Energy, \$11.54, Natural gas; Farmers Union, \$1,188.00, Fuel; Clark Engineering, \$16,400.00, 85% complete water tower; Galls, \$198.43, PD uniforms; Wolfcom, \$1,864.00, 4 body cameras; SD Retirement System, \$285.00, Employee retirement; Dell EMC, \$1,184.22, 2 computers at City Shop; Dakota Pump & Control, \$877.55, Lower seal on pump #2 Olson lift; Stacy Mayou, \$21.40, Mileage to mental health training in Aberdeen; Terry Herron, \$257.48, Med flex; Peggy Locke, \$111.56, Med flex; April Abeln, \$43.40, Dep flex; Mike N Jo's, \$18.00, Glue on patrol vehicle camera; Dollar General, \$40.00, Cleaners, paper products, xmas lights; Chase Visa, \$326.50, Postage, paper products, library books, date stamp, copy paper, dump camera internet and equipment

Sunne reported moving snow, repairing one power outage, and changing some connectors. He left the meeting at 7:05pm.

Herron reported setting up the ice carnival, moving snow, and burning the rubble site. He left the meeting at 7:11pm.

Zerr reported moving snow, installing new impellers at the Olson lift station, and reminded everyone that sump pump hoses need to be taken out of the sanitary sewer as soon as possible. He left the meeting at 7:18pm.

Groton is hosting the 2020 South Dakota Municipal League's District 6 meeting on March 24th at the American Legion. All were encouraged to attend.

The City is now accepting applications for summer employment. Applicants are encouraged to have their applications submitted by March 16th.

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Blackmun to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal items 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 7:30pm. All members voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 7:40pm.

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Wells to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm. All members voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor Hope Block, Finance Officer  
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**Brown County Milling/Reclaim Bid Notice**

NOTICE TO MILLING/RECLAIMING CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, until the hour of 8:55am on February 25, 2020. At said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for furnishing Full Operation Milling/Reclaiming Equipment for construction and maintenance repairs on Brown County Road Projects for the year 2020. Successful bidders will be working along with Brown County Highway Department Forces.

Proposal Guaranty: No deposit or bond will be required at time of bid opening.

Performance Bond: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County and said bidders shall then be required to furnish the following: Certificates of Insurance

as per Bid Specifications or Requested from Brown County. Brown County must be listed as additional insured on all Certificates of Insurance.

Contract for Rental Equipment shall be firm and will be in effect for a period of one year from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed and delivered to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401, and to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "BIDS FOR MILLING/RECLAIMING" to be opened February 25, 2020 at 8:55am. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County.

Bids shall include all applicable taxes and fees for materials furnished and/or installed by the Contractor and all applicable taxes and fees for materials supplied by the County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

Attest: Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor (0212.0219)

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**Brown County Wood Grinding Bid Notice**

SEALED BID WOOD WASTE GRINDING BROWN COUNTY LANDFILL

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Courthouse Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 until the hour of 8:47 AM. Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners regarding 2020 WOOD WASTE GRINDING for the Brown County Landfill.

Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his/her proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County, South Dakota. The successful bidder shall also furnish proper certificates of insurance required by Brown County.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Brown County Courthouse, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401, and are to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope "BID ON 2020 WOOD WASTE GRINDING FOR THE BROWN COUNTY LANDFILL". To be opened on Tuesday, 8:47 A.M., February 25, 2020. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept the bid that they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County.

Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

Specifications and notice to bidders are on file in the Brown County Auditor's Office and at the Brown County Landfill and may be obtained at no charge.

ATTEST:  
 Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor (0212.0219)

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## Monson, Krueger take second at Big Dakota Conference Tourney

Dragr Monson and Lane Krueger both took second place at the Big Dakota Conference Wrestling Tournament held Saturday at Ft. Pierre. The Groton Area results are as follows:

### 106: Christian Ehresmann (22-13) scored 3.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Taylon Carmondy (Mobridge-Pollock) 10-6 won by major decision over Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 22-13 (MD 12-2)

Cons. Round 1 - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 22-13 won by fall over Devyn Anderson (Chamberlain) 2-13 (Fall 2:08)

Cons. Round 2 - Chase Hanson (Stanley County) 27-9 won by decision over Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 22-13 (Dec 12-6)

### 113: Dragr Monson (29-7) placed 2nd and scored 23.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 29-7 won by fall over Mario Oliva-Gaytan (Chamberlain) 2-2 (Fall 0:58)

Quarterfinal - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 29-7 won by fall over Gunner Brueggeman (Miller/Highmore-Harrold) 26-16 (Fall 3:47)

Semifinal - Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 29-7 won by major decision over Bryson Muirhead (Lyman) 36-8 (MD 9-1)

1st Place Match - Riley Whitley (Redfield Area) 10-0 won by decision over Dragr Monson (Groton Area) 29-7 (Dec 4-2)

### 145: Cole Bisbee (4-10)

Champ. Round 1 - Cole Bisbee (Groton Area) 4-10 received a bye () (Bye)

Champ. Round 2 - Mason Heath (Bennett County) 25-23 won by fall over Cole Bisbee (Groton Area) 4-10 (Fall 2:50)

Cons. Round 2 - Cole Bisbee (Groton Area) 4-10 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 3 - Joey Baas (Kimball/White Lake/Platte-Geddes) 5-7 won by decision over Cole Bisbee (Groton Area) 4-10 (Dec 8-4)

### 182: Lane Krueger (20-14) placed 2nd and scored 23.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 20-14 won by fall over Elijah Johnson (Bennett County) 16-18 (Fall 3:59)

Quarterfinal - Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 20-14 won by fall over Jesse Bears Heart (Mobridge-Pollock) 9-11 (Fall 3:51)

Semifinal - Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 20-14 won by major decision over Owen Duffy (Winner) 6-22 (MD 9-1)

1st Place Match - Brock Stevens (Wess Springs/Woon/Wolsey-Wessington) 12-15 won by decision over Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 20-14 (Dec 8-2)

### 195: Caleb Furney (4-6) scored 3.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Caleb Furney (Groton Area) 4-6 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Gunner Ristau (Chamberlain) 19-13 won by fall over Caleb Furney (Groton Area) 4-6 (Fall 5:22)

Cons. Round 2 - Caleb Furney (Groton Area) 4-6 won by fall over Harley Brewer (Pine Ridge) 0-2 (Fall 0:15)

Cons. Round 3 - Charley Pravecsek (Winner) 9-8 won by fall over Caleb Furney (Groton Area) 4-6 (Fall 0:52)

### 285: Grady O'Neill (22-15) scored 5.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) 22-15 won by fall over Clancy Adolph (Harding County) 5-19 (Fall 0:41)

Quarterfinal - Waylon Marshall (Todd County) 26-5 won by fall over Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) 22-15 (Fall 1:56)

Cons. Round 2 - Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) 22-15 won by decision over Kameron Styles (Kimball/White Lake/Platte-Geddes) 23-15 (Dec 7-5)

Cons. Round 3 - Dylan Endres (Stanley County) 18-12 won by fall over Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) 22-15 (Fall 2:31)

## Chamberlain suffers biggest loss to Groton Area

Chamberlain scored the least number of points in the season and suffered the largest margin of defeat all to the hands of the Groton Area Tigers Saturday afternoon. Groton Area never trailed in the game as the boys defeated Chamberlain, 66-39.

The game was played at the Groton Area Arena and was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Allied Climate Professionals, Blocker Construction, Groton Dairy Queen, Jark Real Estate, John Sieh Agency, Milbrandt Enterprises and Tyson DeHoet Trucking.

The Tigers led at the quarterstops at 17-9, 35-15 and 54-26.

Brodyn DeHoet led the Tigers with 26 points, nine rebounds, five assists and three steals. Jonathan Doeden had nine points, two assists and one steal. Kaden Kurtz had nine points, one rebound, six assists and three steals. Jayden Zak had five points, one rebound and two steals. Lane Tietz had five points. Austin Jones had four points and three rebounds. Cade Guthmiller had two points, two rebounds, five assists and three steals. Isaac Smith and Tristan Traphagen each had two points and one rebound. Chandler Larson had two points, one rebound and one assist. Kannon Coats had two rebounds.

Groton Area made 13 of 27 two-pointers for 48 percent, 10 of 20 three-pointers for 50 percent and made 10 of 13 free throws for 77 percent off of Chamberlains 11 team fouls.

Chamberlain out rebounded Groton Area, 23-20. The Tigers had eight turnovers, three of which were steals. Chamberlain had 18 turnovers,

12 of which were steals.

Chamberlain made 18 of 43 field goals for 42 percent, attempted and missed three free throws off of Groton Area's eight team fouls and had 19 assists.

Sellyck McManus led the Cubs with 20 points while Keshaume Thigh had 12, Hayden Evans five and Ty Graesser added two points.

Groton Area's junior varsity team had a 21-point run in the second half to post a 54-30 win. The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Kathy and Jerry.

There were six lead changes and the game was tied three times before Chamberlain held a 13-12 lead at the end of the first quarter. The game was tied once and there was one lead change and Groton Area took command at half time, 27-19. It was 40-29 by the end of the third quarter.

Lane Tietz led Groton Area with 13 points followed by Wyatt Hearnen with nine, Isaac Smith and Chandler Larson each had six, Lucas Simon four, Jackson Cogley, Cole Simon, Tate Larson and Tristan Traphagen each had two points and Cade Larson and Steve Paulson each had a free throw.

Chamberlain was led by Jeren Herron with 13 points and by Ivis Lee with 10.

Groton Area made 20 of 41 field goals for 48 percent and made 11 of 20 free throws. Chamberlain made 13 of 28 field goals for 46 percent and was two for four from the line.

- Paul Kosel

## Sunscreen...Don't Leave Home Without It

It's the dead of winter, and who among us isn't craving the feeling of warm sunshine on our skin? I, for one, am dreaming of summer days spent outdoors,

not a care in the world, basking in that delicious ultraviolet light. But alas, I must be my own physician buzzkill (maybe in this case, sun-kill), and remind myself that there is more to those rays than the pure delight I am romanticizing.

The truth is, there is technically no "safe" amount of UV exposure when it comes to our skin and the risk of skin cancer. One in five of us will have a skin cancer diagnosed in our lifetimes, and while many types of skin cancer are not life-threatening, some are. Melanoma, in particular, is a skin cancer with great potential to metastasize and ultimately take lives. Like other skin cancers, ultraviolet exposure is a major risk factor for melanoma.

I can recall one summer day when I was 13, I fell asleep on a July day watching a cousin's baseball game. My fair-skinned back was exposed to the sun, unprotected, leaving me horrendously sunburned in the days that followed. I will never forget those next few days, one of which I spent carrying my golf bag on a hot, humid tournament day, my back covered in blisters. The thought of it now is enough to make me cringe.

And let's not forget it doesn't have to be a hot summer day to incur skin damage. Many of us have been surprised with a sunburn sustained while skiing or ice fishing – sun is sun, whether the temperature is hot or cold – and even on a cloudy day those UV rays make it down to Earth. And don't get me (or your friendly dermatologist) started on the risks posed by tanning beds.

Protecting one's skin from the sun is something we can all do to stay healthier. There are a variety of ways to do this: Avoiding sun entirely or staying in the shade, wearing protective clothing like long sleeves, pants, and a wide brimmed hat, physical sunscreen like zinc oxide, or chemical sunscreen – the experts recommend at least SPF 30 applied every 2 hours.

I still love summer. I love being outside for hours, sweating in the sun. But these days you'll find me with SPF 50 applied before I leave the house and carried along at all times for reapplication.

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### Brown County Motor Sports Wine Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING  
MALT BEVERAGE & SD FARM WINE LICENSE APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given according to SDCL 35-2, a Public Hearing on the following applications is set for 8:50 A.M. on the 25th day of February, 2020 in the Chambers of the Brown County Commissioners, Court-house Annex, Brown County, South Dakota, at which time any interested persons wishing to register a complaint on approval, may appear:

Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine License:

Trish Arment DBA Motor Sports, LLC – Brown County Speedway – Brown County Fairgrounds SW 1/4, Sec 1, T123N-R64W, Brown County, SD. (map of specific building on file with

application)  
ATTEST:  
Cathy McNickle  
Brown County Auditor  
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## C team girls beat Roncalli

The Groton Area girls pulled out a 21-19 win in the C game. It was part of three games played Tuesday at Aberdeen Roncalli. The junior varsity and varsity teams both lost.

In the C game, the game was tied four times and there were five lead changes. The Tigers took a 20-17 lead and hug on for the win. According to reports, it was the first girls win in a long time against Roncalli. The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Olson Development.

Anna Fjeldheim led the Tigers with seven points while Sydney Leicht had six, and Lydia Meier and Emma Schinkel each had four points.

Ava Hanson led the Cavaliers with nine points.

Roncalli won the junior varsity game, 31-9. Maddie Bjerke had six points while Trista Keith had two points and Marlee Tollifson one. The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Larry and Kathy Harry.

Jeci Ewart led the Cavaliers with 10 points while Olivia Hanson had eight.

Roncalli won the varsity game, 65-22. That game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Locke Electric and the South Dakota Army National Guard.

Brooke Gengerke led the Tigers with eight points while Kaycie Hawkins had six, Alyssa Thaler five, Trista Keith two and Allyssa Locke had one free throw.

Morgan Fiedler and Mariah Winegar each had 15 points for Roncalli.

- Paul Kosel

## Three hit double figures as Lady Tigers beat Wambdi

Groton Area's Lady Tigers defeated Tiospa Zina in a pair of games on Thursday at Agency Village. The junior varsity won their game, 34-16 and the varsity won their game, 54-41.

There were three lead changes in the first quarter before the Tigers took an 8-6 lead at the break. There were three more lead changes in the second quarter and there was one tie as the Wambdi led at half time, 20-16.

Groton Area had an 11-point run that spanned the second and third quarters to take a 25-20 lead early in the third quarter. The Tigers had another 11-point run that spanned the third and fourth quarters to take a 39-24 lead. Groton Area led at the end of the third quarter, 34-24 and went on to win, 54-41.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Locke Electric and the South Dakota Army National Guard.

Gracie Traphagen led the Tigers with 14 points, nine rebounds and one steal. Allyssa Locke had 13 points, nine rebounds, six assists and two steals. Brooke Gengerke had 12 points, six rebounds, one assist and two steals. Alyssa Thaler had six points, two rebounds, three assists and four steals. Kaycie Hawkins had five points and one rebound. Maddie Bjerke had four points and one rebound. Madeline Flihs had seven rebounds and three assists. Trista Keith had four rebounds and two assists and Shallyn Foertsch had two rebounds.

Groton Area made 17 of 42 two-pointers for 40 percent, three of 15 three-pointers for 20 percent, was 11 of 17 from the line for 65 percent off of Tiospa Zina's 18 team fouls, the Tigers had 41 rebounds, 17 turnovers, 15 assists, nine steals and 16 team fouls.

Omariya Bernard led the Wambdi with 17 points followed by Kenadee Bissonette with seven, Zaylise Rainbow six, Brendalyn Barse five, Maria Gallardo three and Grace Gill added two points.

The Wambdi made 13 of 42 field goals for 31 percent and had 11 turnovers.

Allyssa Locke had a perfect night from the free throw line as she made five of five in both the varsity and the junior varsity game. She led the scoring in the junior varsity game with seven points while Trista Keith had six, Maddie Bjerke had five, Alyssa Thaler five, Marlee Tollifson three, Lydia Meier and Madeline Flihs each had two points and Sydney Leicht and Emma Schinkel each had one point.

Between the two teams in the fourth quarter, 19 free throws were attempted with only one being made.

Alexia Quinn led the Wambdi with 10 points.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Olson Development.

- Paul Kosel

## Wambdi hand Tigers second NEC loss

Three players hit double figures for Groton Area Friday night but it was not enough to overcome the Tiospa Zina Wambdi in boys' basketball action in Groton, 71-67.

The Tigers controlled the tip and scored first and went on to a 24-20 first quarter lead. Groton had an eight-point lead, 36-28, midway in the second quarter but the Wambdi battled back to make it a two-point game at half time, 36-34.

Free throws allowed the Wambdi to come to within one, 41-40. Then Tiospa Zina went on an explosive run, forcing quick turnovers that turned into points and a nine-point run put the Wambdi on top, 49-43.

The Tigers returned the favor and went on a nine-point run of their own to take the lead, 52-49. Groton Area led at the end of the third quarter, 53-51.

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Caleb White was an offensive weapon for the Wambdi in the fourth quarter as he made two free throws, two three-pointers and two two-pointers for 12 points and the Tigers could only make three of 13 shots in the fourth quarter for 23 percent. Tiospa Zina opened up a five-point lead, 68-63, but the Tigers closed it to two with 8.5 seconds left, 69-67. White made his two free throws and that gave the Wambdi a 71-67 win.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Allied Climate Professionals, Blocker Construction, Groton Dairy Queen, Jark Real Estate, John Sieh Agency, Milbrandt Enterprises and Tyson DeHoet Trucking.

Brodyn DeHoet had a double-double night with 22 points, 19 rebounds, three assists and two steals. Jonathan Doeden led the scoring with 24 points, six rebounds, one assist, three steals and one block. Kaden Kurtz had 10 points, two assists and one steal. Cade Guthmiller had seven points, six rebounds, two assists and two steals. Isaac Smith finished with three points and Tristan Traphagen had four rebounds and one assist.

Groton Area made 17 of 36 two-pointers for 47 percent, was six of 17 in three-pointers for 35 percent, was 15 of 26 from the line for 58 percent off of Tiospa Zina's 20 team fouls, the Tigers had 21 turnovers, 39 rebounds, nine assists, eight steals and one blocked shot.

Caleb White led the Wambdi with 30 points which included six of eight free throws and four three-pointers, Jamison Pratt scored his 1000th high school career point with 5:14 left in the first quarter and finished the night with 12 points. Johnny German had 10 points while Courage Brown had eight, Payton Halseide seven and Jasiah Redbear had four points.

Tiospa Zina made 26 of 47 shots for 55 percent, was 12 of 20 from the line for 60 percent and had 11 turnovers.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 40-34. That game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by the Jungle Lanes & Lounge. Jayden Zak led the Tigers with 12 points followed by Chandler Larson with nine, Lane Tietz eight, Isaac Smith four, Wyatt Hearnen, Kannon Coats and Tate Larson each had two and Jackson Cogley had one point. Caleb Barse led the Wambdi with 12 points.

Groton Area won the C game, 49-23. That game was also broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Weber Landscaping. Wyatt Hearnen led the Tigers with 10 points followed by Cole Simon and Tate Larson with eight apiece, Cade Larson had six, Jackson Bahr five, Tristan Traphagen and Jackson Cogley each had four and Jacob Zak and Steve Paulson each had two points. Reondre Greely led the Wambdi with eight points.

- Paul Kosel

## Girls lose to Elk Point/Jefferson

Groton Area's girls basketball team lost to Elk Point/Jefferson at the NEC-DAK12 round of games Saturday in Madison. Elk Point/Jefferson won, 61-50.

The game was tied at nine after the first quarter before Elk Point/Jefferson took a 27-21 lead at half time and a 47-35 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Gracie Traphagen led the Tigers with 15 points and six rebounds while Alyssa Thaler had nine points, Allyssa Locke had eight and Trista Keith had seven. Brooke Gengerke had six rebounds while Kaycie Hawkins had five and Locke four.

Groton Area made 10 of 36 field goals for 28 percent, five of 20 three-pointers for 25 percent and was 17 of 20 from the line for 85 percent.

The Tigers had eight offensive and 20 defensive rebounds, two steals, 38 assists and nine turnovers.

Elk Point/Jefferson's Lily Kempf led all scorers with 31 points while Riley Donnelly had 13 and Kenna Curry 10. Curry was the leading rebounder with five.

Elk Point/Jefferson made 24 of 47 field goals for 51 percent, five of 15 three-pointers for 33 percent and eight of 12 free throws for 66 percent. They had four offensive and 21 defensive rebounds, six steals, seven turnovers, two blocks and 12 assists.

- Paul Kosel

## Groton Senior Citizens

January 13

Groton Seniors met for a meeting with fourteen members were present. President Ruby Donavon opened with the flag pledge treasurer and secretary reports were read. The new officers were installed. President- Ruby Donavon, Vice President- Sarge Likness, Secretary- Elda Stange, Treasurer- Eunice McColister, There was no old or new Business. Meeting was adjourned. Cards were played . Winners of the games. Pinochle- Sarge Likness, Wist- Tony Goldade, Yahtzee- Eunice McColister, and Pat Larson. Door prizes- Tony Goldade, Marilyn Thorson and Don Darwin. Lunch was served by Belinda Nelson.

January 20

Ten Members were present. One table Pinochle, one table Yahtzee. Door prizes- Mary Walker, David Kliensassor Kelly Miracle. Lunch was served by David Kliensassor and Sarge Likness. Edla Johnson brought her birthday cake. David Kliensassor won Pinochle and Mary Walker and Pat Larson won Yahtzee .

January 27 Groton Senior met for a pot luck dinner. President led the flag pledge. Fifteen members were present. One visitor Carol Daly She became a new member. Bingo was played after dinner Tony Goldade won black out. Cards were played after bingo. Door prizes went to Eunice McColister, Carol Daly and Elda Stange.

## Concerns arise that new S.D. electronic bill monitoring system makes state government less transparent

By: Nick Lowrey

A new online system for drafting, co-sponsoring and tracking bills through the South Dakota Legislature has some people concerned that the modernized system has made the legislative process less transparent and has removed some of the human element from lawmaking.

State officials said the new system was needed to update South Dakota's legislative process and make legislative work more efficient. Jason Hancock, director of the Legislative Research Council, which manages the drafting and flow of proposed laws, said the new workflow system is housed within the Legislature's website — [sdlegislature.gov](http://sdlegislature.gov) — and replaced the old pen-and-paper-based system for drafting, seeking co-sponsors and amending legislation.

"We've automated and made electronic a lot of the functions around here that have been paper functions up to this point. You're going to see more of that electronic functionality in terms of how the committee secretaries work and how the front desk staff works and obviously how the legislators work," Hancock said. "So, I think for some of those players this is probably the biggest change yet."

Legislative leaders and LRC staff say the new system comes with a new suite of publicly available features that make it easier for the public to follow the Legislature's work.

Yet some critics of the new system say that the state's attempt to bring the legislative process into the 21st century may have inadvertently cut the public out of a key part of the legislative process — gathering co-sponsors for legislation. Others worry that the new, digital legislative workflow system may create more distance between legislators and the public.

Furthermore, some lobbyists in Pierre say the Legislature's new system is less transparent than the old way of doing business. Legislators are now working with LRC staff to draft bills and amendments as well as inviting their colleagues to co-sponsor legislation electronically, using a system only legislators have access to. That means lobbyists and the public have been partially cut out of a process they used to play a key role in.

"We used to circulate a piece of paper and we could get all the co-sponsors we needed ... the fact that (prime sponsors) have to be more involved now slows things down," said David Owen, who has been lobbying on behalf of the South Dakota Chamber of Commerce and Industry since 1999.

Legislative leaders say the new system is a long overdue improvement over the old paper-based system. Amendments are easier to file and can be distributed much more quickly, said House Speaker Pro Tempore Spencer Gosch, R-Glenham.

Other new features allow anyone to create a customizable digital binder for tracking legislation, through a system called "MyLRC+". Included in the digital binder is a customized calendar and an option to receive alerts tailored to individual needs, which may improve a citizen's ability to follow a bill.

"I think for what little time they had, it's going well," Gosch said of the system's launch.

The Legislative Research Council's information staff built the new bill drafting and legislative workflow system from the ground up in less than a year. Bills and amendments are now drafted online through a portion of the legislature's website. Legislators also seek co-sponsors for their bills and move bills from one chamber to the next through the website. There is no longer a need to print bills and



**Jason Hancock, executive director of the South Dakota Legislative Research Council, is shown in his office in Pierre. Hancock spearheaded the creation of the state legislature's new, online system for drafting, co-sponsoring and amending legislation. He said the new system was necessary to make the legislature's work more efficient.** Photo: Nick

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obtain physical signatures.

Before the 2020 session, legislators and lobbyists were carrying paper copies of bills around the Capitol as they sought co-sponsors. Once a bill was ready to be introduced they would take it to LRC bill drafters, who then had to verify each co-sponsor's signature by hand and physically enter each name into each bill's page on the website. That is all done automatically now, Hancock said.

Existing LRC staff and a contracted programmer named Jordan Block worked together on the project, Hancock said. Block's business, Developing Today LLC, was awarded a contract worth up to \$250,000 through March 2021. So far, LRC has paid the company about \$85,400, according to documents on the state's financial transparency website, [open.sd.gov](http://open.sd.gov). The costs of the project including the contractor fees have been covered by the LRC existing budget, Hancock said.

One big advantage to building the website mostly in-house is that fixing bugs in the system is a relatively quick process, Hancock said.



**Hillary Carruthers, a Legislative Research Council informational support specialist, is the main point of contact for getting technical glitches in the state Legislature's new online workflow system fixed. The LRC built the new system using its existing staff and can therefore fix problems on the fly, Carruthers said.**

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Gosch said the longest he's heard of anyone waiting for a fix was about two hours.

Gosch acknowledged that there were some hiccups as the system was rolled out during the first few weeks of the 2020 legislative session. One notable problem was that the bills listed and displayed to the public on the legislature's website, [sdlegislature.gov](http://sdlegislature.gov), were difficult to view on smartphones.

Within a few days of receiving the first complaints, LRC staff eliminated the problem, said Hillary Carruthers, an LRC information support specialist.

Veteran lobbyists, though, say their transparency concerns are about the website's features, not its bugs. Under the Legislature's old system, face-to-face contact between lobbyists and legislators was baked in. Lobbyists were able to explain and seek support for bills directly with legislators, answer questions and, most importantly, get a feel for legislators' thinking on certain issues. Such information could then be passed along to the lobbyists' employers whether they were nonprofits, associations or businesses.

"It's important to remember that lobbyists represent actual people," Owen said.

At any given time during the legislative session, a legislator might be working with three to five organizations on multiple pieces of legislation, Owen said. Legislators work part time and don't have staffs, so lobbyists, who tend to specialize in issues and industries, sometimes play a bigger role in gathering co-sponsors and explaining bills than legislators.

"I get that we're viewed skeptically," Owen said. "But we're the ones who know the issues, so we're able to put things in context. That is really important."

Under the new system, a bill's primary legislative sponsor has to send an electronic invitation to potential co-sponsors. Once an invitation has been sent, recipients have the option to click buttons that deny, accept or ignore the request. Face-to-face discussion is no longer a given and that needs to change, said Senate Minority Leader Troy Heinert, D-Mission.

"We have to make it more personal, like the old system," Heinert said.

Speaking directly to fellow legislators, lobbyists and the public about legislation is a necessary component of lawmaking and makes for better legislation, Heinert said.

Ultimately, lobbyists and legislators will have to adjust to the new way of doing business, Owen said. He attended a training event hosted by LRC staff on Jan. 27 to help lobbyists navigate the new system, which he said helped lessen some of his anxiety.

Rep. Gosch noted that lobbyists still are allowed to work with LRC staff on legislation, so long as they have permission from a legislator. And there is nothing stopping lobbyists from coordinating with legislators when it comes to seeking co-sponsors or for promoting legislation, he said.

"If a lobbyist wants to sell their product, they still have to have face-to-face contact," Gosch said.



**Sen. Troy Heinert D-Mission**

**MONTHLY DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6**

For the reporting period beginning July 1, 2019, and ending January 31, 2020

General Fund	Restricted Gen Funds	Capital Outlay	Special Education	Pension Fund	Bond Redemption	Capital Projects	Enterprise Fund	Agency Fund	Total for District	
1. Beginning Balance .....	1,180,146.26	32,052.21	1,572,935.94	193,439.14	0.00	158,345.95	0.00	47,733.16	274,624.46	3,459,277.12
a. cash .....	1,180,146.26	32,052.21	1,572,935.94	193,439.14	0.00	158,345.95	0.00	47,733.16	274,624.46	3,459,277.12
b. petty cash.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2. Transfers in										
3. Revenue to date.....	2,587,492.73	0.00	810,251.43	435,069.78	0.00	98,515.19	0.00	184,797.99	498,706.90	4,614,834.02
4. Total accounted for.....	3,767,638.99	32,052.21	2,383,187.37	628,508.92	0.00	256,861.14	0.00	232,531.15	773,331.36	8,074,111.1
5. Transfers out										
6. Expenditures to date ..	2,466,328.39	0.00	1,339,886.25	375,208.96	0.00	208,536.25	0.00	171,759.76	586,522.04	5,148,241.6
a. encumbrances.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
b. disbursements.....	2,466,328.39	0.00	1,339,886.25	375,208.96	0.00	208,536.25	0.00	171,759.76	586,522.04	5,148,241.6
7. Ending Balance .....	1,301,310.60	32,052.21	1,043,301.12	253,299.96	0.00	48,324.89	0.00	60,771.39	187,009.32	2,926,069.49
a. checking .....	1,301,310.60	32,052.21	1,043,301.12	253,299.96	0.00	48,324.89	(0.00)	60,771.39	186,809.32	2,925,869.49
b. petty cash.....	(0.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
January Receipts.....	32,031.59	0.00	11,684.66	12,215.14	0.00	1,108.63	0.00	26,676.89	52,900.92	136,617.83
January Expenses .....	381,508.68	0.00	5,759.56	89,183.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,516.71	69,468.61	565,437.31
Agency Checking.....	186,809.32									
District Checking.....	739,060.17									
Certificate of Deposit.....	2,000,000.00									
Agency Cash on Hand .....	200.00									
Total all Funds .....	2,926,069.49									

**Groton School Feb 10, 2020**

**Meeting Minutes**

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6

REGULAR MEETING

February 10, 2020

President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Fliehs, Gengerke, Pharis, Rix, Smith and Weismantel. Absent: Harder. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principals B. Schwan and Sombke, and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Gengerke, second Weismantel to amend and approve the agenda as follows: Move New Business Item #5, Review 2020-21 school calendar, to Old Business under Administra-

tive Reports and reclassify New Business Item #5 as Review/Approve FY'19 audit. Motion carried.

Pursuant to SDCL 23-3, there was no potential conflict disclosure reported.

Moved by Pharis, second Gengerke to approve all consent agenda items as presented: District minutes of January 14, 2020, bills, financial reports, agency reports, investments, transportation and lunch reports. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary - 179,342.33; FIT - 15,727.54; Medicare - 6,730.70; FICA - 28,779.50; American Funds - 542.80; SDRS - 28,602.12; HSA Contribution - 100.00; Waddell & Reed - 1,440.00; Horace Mann - 1,177.61; Thrivent - 250.00; AFLAC - 3,388.59; Delta Dental - 3,880.46; SD Supplemental Retirement - 802.29; Breit Law Office - 520.00; Groton School

Donation - 184.70; Wellmark - 57,686.00; Standard - 635.82; Avesis - 263.32; Aberdeen Awards - Wrestling awards, 198.80; Aberdeen Lock & Key - repairs, 112.50; Ace Refrigeration - repairs, 403.92; Advance Auto - parts, 219.07; Agency Fund - advance pays, 49,113.96; Allied Climate Pros - repairs, 6,781.64; Amazon - supplies, 71.54; Cintas - rugs, 218.98; Cole Papers - supplies, 1,285.96; Dakota Autoglass - supplies, 72.38; Days Inn - lodging, 70.99; Dependable Sanitation - garbage, 1,238.00; East River Plumbing - repairs, 505.88; Follett - workbook, 18.10; Groton Area - supplies, 5,545.53; Groton Area - food supplies, 237.70; Groton Area - NSF fee, 30.00; Group Travel Planners - music trip, 12,500.00; Hillyard/SF - supplies, 899.06; House of Glass - rekey cylinder, 12.00; Northside Implement - repairs,

4,430.01; Northwestern Energy - utilities, 5,820.96; QQP/Midstates - printing, 291.81; Reporter & Farmer - legals, 21.71; Riley Service - busing, 1,248.50; S&S Lumber - supplies, 1,861.53; Sanders Sew & Vac - parts, 60.99; Cody Swanson - supplies, 1,454.59; Taylors - music, 313.51; Team Lab - supplies, 769.50; World's Finest Chocolate - fundraiser, 1,698.68. Total General Fund - \$427,561.58.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: A&B Business - copier lease, 2,042.89; Agency Fund - advance pays, 1,676.02; Amazon - books, 183.13; Follett - books, 452.90; Hauff Mid-America - display unit, 293.50; S&S Lumber - broom, 84.99; SG Consulting - license, 690.00; Total Capital Outlay - \$5,423.43.

SPECIAL ED: Net Salary - 27,884.99; FIT - 2,326.48; Medicare - 1,029.98; FICA - 4,404.16; SDRS - 4,595.92; Waddell & Reed - 200.00; AFLAC - 907.33; Delta Dental - 707.34; SD

Supplemental Retirement - 100.00; Wellmark - 11,363.00; Standard - 205.23; Avesis - 74.24; Agency Fund - advance pays, 159.35; Avera St Luke's - PT/OT, 9,363.00; Groton DQ - meal, n

6.99; Julianne Hanlon - mileage, 50.40; Judy/Gene Williamson - mileage, 670.32. Total Special Ed - \$64,048.73.

BOND FUND: Agency Fund - advance payment, 600.00.

ENTERPRISE: Food Service Net Salary - 4,943.74; FIT - 337.24; Medicare - 176.04; FICA - 752.56; SDRS - 591.80; AFLAC - 241.41; Wellmark - 1,526.00; Standard - 3.84; Avesis - 50.63; Agency Fund - advance pays, 785.18; Amazon - ink, 41.72; Cintas - aprons/towels, 61.34; CWD - food, 1,561.61; Dean Foods - milk, 1,230.71; Earthgrains - food, 140.70; Hillyard - detergent, 236.21; Reinhart - food, 3,798.99; US Foods - food, 3,175.10. Total Food Service - \$19,654.82.

OST Net Salary - 1,640.57; FIT - 114.18; Medicare - 59.22; FICA - 253.14; SDRS - 218.14; AFLAC - 163.93; Wellmark - 671.00; Standard - 23.28; Agency Fund - advance pays, 238.85. Total OST - \$3,382.31. Total Enterprise - \$23,037.13.

AGENCY FUND: Total - \$69,837.60.

RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes - 36,634.66; Other Local Sources - 91,433.58; Coun-

ty Sources - 2,782.35; State Sources - 0.00; Federal Sources - 5,767.24. Total Receipts - \$136,617.83.

Members of the public were allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members present to speak, the board proceeded with their remaining agenda items.

The board heard program overview presentations from Music Teachers Austin Fordham, Cody Swanson, and Desiree Yeigh, Art Instructor Janene Harry, Health/PE Instructors Brian Schuring and Lynette Grieve and Athletic Director Brian Dolan.

The board reviewed second reading of the following policy changes: ACAB Prohibition Against Aiding or Abetting Sexual Abuse (New); BDC Executive Sessions (Amend); BDDB Agenda Format (Amend); BDDC Agenda Preparation and Dissemination (Amend); BDDEA Parliamentarian (Delete); BDDG Minutes (Amend); BDDH Public Participation at Board Meetings (Amend); BFC Policy Adoption (Amend); DB Annual Budget (Amend); BDC Budget Deadlines and Schedules (Delete); DBD Budget Planning (Delete); DBH Budget Adoption Procedures (Delete); DBKA Promissory Notes (Delete); DBK Budget Transfer Authority (Delete); DGD Credit Card Use Policy (Amend); DIC Financial Reports and Statements (Amend); DJB Petty Cash Accounts (Amend); DJC Bidding Requirements (Amend); DJD Local Purchasing (Amend); DJF Purchasing (Amend); DJ Purchasing (Amend); EH Service Animals at School (New); GBCBA Freedom of Expression (Amend); GBC Staff Ethics (Amend); GBEC Use of Alcohol and Drugs by Employees (Amend); GCBDF Nursing Mothers (New); GCB Qualifications of Teachers (Amend); GCD Professional Staff Hiring (Amend); JB Equal Educational Opportunities (Amend); JECA

Admission of Resident Students (Amend); JFCD Cyberbullying (Delete); JFCE Student Bullying (Amend); KO Patriotic and National Organizations (New). Moved by Weismantel, second Pharis to approve all policies as presented. Motion carried.

The following topics were discussed in administrative reports: FY'21 revenue outlook, 2020-21 Robotics, 2020-21 school calendar, copier issues, state cyber-risk assessment, teacher job fair, legislative bills, interfund trans-

fers, credit card issues, budget requisitions for 2020-21, Science Steve from SD PBS to visit elementary, comprehensive needs assessment update, teacher observations, OST, parent-teacher conferences, CTE parent survey, Life Touch Pictures, and Spring registration for Fall classes.

Superintendent Schwan presented Certificates of Appreciation to School Board Members in honor of School Board Recognition Week.

Moved by Weismantel, second Fliehs to approve bid specs for lawn tractor/mower and set bid opening for 2:00 pm, Monday March 9, 2020. Motion carried.

Schwan reported that district has been awarded a Clean Diesel Grant for \$21,500. As a condition of the grant, a school bus that no longer meets clean air standards must be dismantled and disposed of before a new one is purchased. Moved by Rix, second Pharis to approve South Dakota Clean Diesel Grant/VW Program Rebate Agreement. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Gengerke to approve bid specs for school bus and set bid opening for 2:15 pm, Monday March 9, 2020. Motion carried.

Weber presented the FY'19 School audit and discussed its findings. Moved by Pharis, second Weismantel to approve. Motion carried.

Moved by Fliehs, second Gengerke to set the summer 2020 driver's education fee at \$250 for in-district students and \$300 for out-of-district students. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Weismantel to go into executive session at 9:09 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel issues including Superintendent evaluation. Motion carried.

Smith declared the board out of executive session at 9:36 pm.

Moved by Rix, second Pharis to issue administrative contracts for the 2020-2021 school year with return date of February 21, 2020 and terms to be negotiated at a later date. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Gengerke to adjourn. Motion carried.

M. J. Weber, Business Manager

Steven R. Smith, President

The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes as official.

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